

JANUARY 25, 1817.

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Read twice and committed to the committee of the whole House,  
on the bill "to provide for the redemption of the public debt.

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## A Bill

*Respecting the assessment and collection of the Direct Tax.*

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*  
2     *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*  
3     in all cases in which appeals shall not have been, or may not  
4     hereafter be legally held in any collection district, by a princi-  
5     pal assessor, in regard to the enumerations, valuations, or revi-  
6     sions of property, subject to the direct tax, the Secretary of the  
7     Treasury shall be, and he is hereby authorized to direct the  
8     said appeals to be held by the prinaipal assessor of such collec-  
9     tion district, and such appeals shall be conducted as nearly as  
10    may be in conformity with the provisions of the act "to pro-  
11    vide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of govern-  
12    ment and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax  
13    upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collect-

